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ANNUAL REPORT

(INTERIM)

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1945.

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To :—

The Chairman and Members of the

TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Minister of Health has intimated that a short Interim Report only should be prepared for the year 1945.

W. BERTRAM HILL,
Medical Officer of Health.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The usual Table (II) is appended showing the number of Notifications of acute Infectious Disease and the number of cases of Tuberculosis.

Average for 5 years,	Diphtheria.	Scarlet Fever.	Erysipelas.	Cerebro-Spinal Fever.
(1934—1938) ...	53·6	57·6	11·6	–
1939	13	43	1	–
1940	17	71	3	5
1941	4	47	8	4
1942	8	65	4	–
1943	3	40	1	–
1944	8	68	3	–
1945	7	70	2	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notifications in	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1938	15	12
1939	10	4
1940	12	8
1941	10	6
1942	13	6
1943	17	4
1944	10	11
1945	15	13

MINOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

249 cases of Measles were notified, and there was one death.

80 cases of Whooping Cough were notified, and there were two deaths.

CASE RATE PER 1,000 LIVING OF ACUTE INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

	England and Wales.	Tadcaster Rural District.
Typhoid Fever	·01	·00
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	·05	·04
Scarlet Fever	1·89	3·1
Whooping Cough	1·64	3·5
Diphtheria	·46	·31
Erysipelas	·25	·08
Small-pox	·00	·00
Measles	11·67	11·0
Pneumonia	·87	·35
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ... (per 1,000 total Births).	9·93	·00

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

It is estimated that 60% of children under 5 and 75% above 5 years of age have been immunised.

DISINFESTATION.

The County Council has established arrangements at their Welfare Institution at Tadcaster for the treatment of Scabies. The General Practitioners, Nurses and Midwives have been notified of the facilities provided. The number of cases has been relatively small.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply of the Rural District is derived as follows:—

85·5% of the houses are supplied from three sources—

(*a*) The City of Leeds.

(*b*) York Waterworks Company.

(*c*) A Deep Bore in the Sandstone at Bilbrough owned by the District Council.

These supplies are constant, and the water is chlorinated. Bacteriological examinations are made at frequent intervals, and in one source for plumbo-solvency.

The quality of the water from these three sources is satisfactory.

2·4% of the houses are supplied from privately owned sources. The water from these supplies is examined bacteriologically at frequent intervals. The quality of the water is generally satisfactory.

12·9% of the houses are supplied from Wells, shallow and deep. The quality of the water from these wells varies in wide degrees.

The water derived from the City of Leeds has been examined for plumbo-solvency with negative results.

SEWERAGE.

The District Council has obtained the services of a Consulting Engineer who will undertake a survey of the Water Supply and Sewerage arrangements in each of the parishes of the Rural District, and present a Report embodying his recommendations.

HOUSING.

A survey of the general housing condition in the Rural District is being undertaken in conformity with the suggestions contained in the Report of the Rural Housing Sub-Committee of the Central Housing Advisory Committee.

The following table indicates the progress of the survey to 81-3-46 :—

CATEGORIES.

Parish.	1 & 2. (Fit or Minor Defects).	3. (Reconditioned).	5. (Demolition).	Total.
Acaster Malbis ...	44	15	7	66
Acaster Selby ...	12	4	1	17
Appleton Roebuck...	90	16	1	107
Askham Bryan ...	73	21	15	109
Askham Richard ...	23	15	1	39
Bilbrough ...	31	10	7	48
Bishopthorpe ...	308	37	14	359
Bolton Percy ...	51	13	3	67
Catterton	5	3	–	8
Colton	23	4	5	32
Copmanthorpe ...	200	14	14	228
Healaugh	29	18	6	53
Kirk Fenton ...	135	36	18	189
Kirkby Wharfe ...	30	3	1	34
Oxton	6	6	–	12
Rythe	41	14	8	63
Steeton	10	2	–	12
Stutton	36	53	23	112
Towton	9	8	3	20
Ulleskelf	71	9	13	93
20 Parishes.	1,227	301	140	1,668

NEW HOUSING.

The Council is at present engaged upon the building of new houses as follows :—

SWILLINGTON.

1 Bedroom Type ...	...	6 (Bungalows)
3 Bedroom Type ...	...	89
4 Bedroom Type ...	...	5
		50

TADCASTER.

3 Bedroom Type ...	...	61
4 Bedroom Type ...	...	14
		75

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population—22510 (Mid-year 1944).

	Tadcaster Rural District.		England and Wales.
Death Rate	13·1	per 1,000 ...	11·4
Birth Rate	20·2	„ ...	16·1
Zymotic Death Rate	·04	„	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	·35	„	
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	·04	„	
Respiratory Death Rate ...	·97	„	
Cancer Death Rate	1·8	„	
Infantile Mortality Rate ... (i.e., Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Births).	50·5	„ ...	46
Still Birth Rate	·66	„ ...	·46

TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year 1945.

Notifiable Disease.	Number of Cases Notified.								Total Cases Removed to Hospital.	Deaths.
	At all Ages.	At all Ages—Years.								
		Under 1	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards		
Small-pox	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cholera (C) Plague (P)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria (including Membraneous Croup)	7	..	1	4	..	2	..	..	7	1
Erysipelas	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
Scarlet Fever	70	..	9	55	5	..	1	..	58	..
Typhus Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enteric Fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Relapsing Fever (R) Continued Fever (C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Poliomyelitis	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	15	..	..	..	5	7	3	..	..	..
Other forms of Tuberculosis	13	..	1	10	..	1	..	1	..	..
Measles	249	10	124	108	5	..	2	..	..	1
Primary Pneumonia	8	1	1	4	..	..	1	1	..	7
Influenzal Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough	80	7	45	27	..	1	..	..	..	2
Dysentery	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..
Acute Polio Encephalitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Encephalitis Lethargica	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	449	18	181	211	16	12	8	3	..	..